

Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting August 20, 2025 Hybrid Meeting (In-person & Virtual)

This was a hybrid meeting: In-person at Parks & Recreation Administration Building, Mesquite Room, 900 S. Randolph Way; Virtual had a Teams link. All available materials related to the agenda items will be posted on the City Clerk's page: BCC listings, Landscape Advisory Committee [https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?board=44].

Members Present: Petr Chylik, Darbi Davis, Teresa Dekoker, Jenni Moscato, Flor Sandoval, Kasy

Schug(logged in 3:41), Nick Shipley

Members Absent: Rebeca Field, Eric Dhruv

Guests/Staff: Amanda Smith, PDSD; Nicholas Martell, PDSD; Chad Kellor, PDSD; Daniel Bursak,

PDSD; Nicole Gillett, CMO; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER

• Meeting called to order at 3:36 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 6 members present, quorum present (K.Schug logged on 3:41)

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

• Approve April 16, 2025 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by J.Moscato, second by P.Chylik; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=7, no=0, abstain=0

3. Discussion

- A. Tucson Water Reclaim Program: rescheduled for Sept. 17, 2025
- B. Meet & Greet potential Planner/Architect applicant for LAC: Ryan Stephenson self-introduced himself; brief work experience, currently with Logan-Simpson; prior to that with Pima County Planning; has been involved with landscape codes. Discussion with LAC members. Motion by P.Chylik to recommend Ryan Stephenson to Mayor and Council for appointment as Planner representation; second by J.Moscato; no further discussion. Motion passed aye=7; no=0; abstain=0.
- C. Landscape regulations: Planning & Development staff introduced themselves; Amanda Smith presented current draft of Middle Housing Landscape code being proposed; will be applicable for any residential development 1-4 housing units (state regulation requirements for 5 or more residential units); discussion on 'canopy' vs 'trees/shade;' requirements for irrigation depressed basin vs rainwater harvesting, flexibility in language to allow usage of gray water; species selection needing to be from ADWR list. Discussion. To do's: A.Smith with send link to site where draft code will be uploaded today; LAC members will be able to redline, okay to contact Amanda.Smith@tucsonaz.gov directly. No action
- D. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates: no update on Plant list at this time; will schedule time at Sept. LAC meeting for entire group to review.
- 4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events: no time for listing events.
- 5. Call to Audience (time permitting):
 - So. Section ASLA: happy hour tomorrow, 8.21.2025, at Coronet @ 5 p.m.
 - So. Section ASLA: Pickle Ball at Corbett, 9.4.2025 @ 5 p.m.

- So. Section ASLA students: Parking Day, 9.16.2025 at Main Gate entrance, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ACTC: Prescott; 9/11-12/2025
- Desert Green XXIX, Las Vegas, 10/1-2/2025
- 6. Future Agenda Items:
 - 7. Reschedule Reclaim presentation
 - 8. Update on Cool Bus Stops [22^{nd} /Alvernon | Broadway/Spanish Trail | Fairview]
 - 9. Discussion of Plant List (shrubs & vines)
- 10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm